



MINUTES



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MAY 21, 2008

**Call to Order/
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Rivera, who led Commissioners and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioners Absent: Harlow

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Kirkorn, Mason, McGovern, Rivera, Siersema and Spencer were in attendance.

Others Present: Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works
Todd Broussard, Acting City Engineer
Bob Stachelski, Transportation Manager
Bill Janusz, Principal Engineer
Duncan Lee, Principal Civil Engineer
Jason Churchill, Street & Facilities Maintenance Manager
Linda Daily, Project Manager
Joyce Greene, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the minutes of April 16, 2008.

VOTE:	The motion carried.
AYES:	6
NOES:	0
ABSENT:	1 (Harlow)
ABSTENTIONS:	0

PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Marshall Shipley spoke in opposition to item G-2 Removal and Relocation of Crosswalk – Indianapolis and Cohasset.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

- E-1. Report on City "Green Programs" – Travis Hopkins provided the report that was prepared for City Council, and informed the Commissioners the cool roofs are now completed. Water conservation efforts are being enhanced.

Commissioner Siersema commented the low flow toilets offered in the 1990's should be noted. Commissioner Siersema commented a carbon footprint was not provided which he feels is very important. He also noted nothing from the Information Technology side is included, no data center information or data platform.

Commissioner Mason commented in relationship to the Facilities-Energy Conservation, the amount of lighting at the beach and the sports complex might be reduced. He suggested metered lighting at parks. Mr. Hopkins responded these areas are under Community Services and he will pass along the suggestions.

Travis Hopkins addressed the discussion at the April meeting of a possible tour of upcoming Capital Improvement Projects as part of a Commission Meeting. Mr. Hopkins suggested the tour be held after all segments of the CIP presentation are made. Discussion will be held again at the end of the meeting tonight.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- F-1. Active Capital Project Report – An update on active capital projects under construction, as well as those in the planning stage was presented for the Commission's information. Discussion ensued.
- F-2. Upcoming City Council Study Sessions – The City Council conducts public Study Sessions on the evenings of City Council meetings, normally beginning at 4:00 p.m., in Room B-8. A tentative listing of upcoming sessions is submitted for the Commission's information. Travis Hopkins informed the Commission of updates since packet preparation. At the June 16, 2008 meeting, Public Works Major Capital Projects Update has been added. The La Bard Park Negotiations is tentative for the June 16, 2008 date.
- F-3. Proposed Capital Improvement Program FY 2008/09 Water/Sewer/Storm Drain, and Transportation Sections – Todd Broussard gave the presentation of the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for fiscal year 2008/09.

The Sewer Master Plan was prepared in 2003. Computerized software was used to determine capacity. Flow monitoring was conducted in 2007/08 and determined adequate in six of seven areas. The seventh line shows some enhancement is needed. The 2008/09 Budget requests include rehabilitation of the Edwards/Balmoral Lift Station and the design portion for the Graham Kenilworth Lift Station rehabilitation.

Commissioner Siersema noted the rehabilitation of the Heil pump station budgeted last year involved purchase of real estate and with the downturn in the real estate market, inquired if this is an advantage to the City. Todd Broussard responded the Real Estate section of Economic Development is in negotiations on the property.

Duncan Lee presented the Water Master Plan portion. The majority of old Cast Iron pipe in the downtown area has been replaced and the intention is to complete the replacement of the remaining pipe in the next fiscal year. Future Water Master Plan projects that were not listed for fiscal year 2008/09 were then reviewed.

The Traffic and Transportation portion of the CIP was presented by Bob Stachelski. Continuing Projects include the Transit Center on Pacific Coast Highway, Downtown Street Lighting – Phase II, a traffic signal at Newland and Hamilton, HES Grant Signal Modifications, the Main/17th/Utical Traffic Signal Upgrade, Traffic Signal Controller Upgrades and Safe Routes to School. The traffic signal at Beach Boulevard and Taylor is waiting on Caltrans funding for its one-half of costs that is projected in Caltrans' next fiscal year budget.

Commissioner Siersema inquired of the status of the red light camera at Beach Boulevard and Edinger. Bob Stachelski responded the specific location is not firm and is a Police Department project. Mr. Stachelski has not heard when the Police Department plans to take the item to City Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- G-1. Reconstruction of Various Residential Streets; MSC 455 Reconstruction of Various Residential Streets - Travis Hopkins introduced Jason Churchill, Street and Facilities Maintenance Manager, who presented the project. The project will reconstruct five streets and will include removal and replacement of concrete sidewalks, curb and gutter, and resurfacing of the asphalt roadway.

Commissioner Mason inquired how the new system of taking one-half of the streets for the previous Tree Petition List and one-half from the new list

that rates streets by condition was working. Mr. Churchill responded to date he has not received any negative feedback.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Mason to recommend to the City Council the approval of MSC-455, Reconstruction of Various Residential Streets.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Harlow)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-2. Removal and Relocation of Crosswalk – Indianapolis and Cohasset – Bob Stachelski presented the item. This is a follow up item to a City Council approved traffic signal installation at the intersection of Indianapolis Avenue and Titan Lane in connection with Sowers School. With the installation of the traffic signal at this location, staff recommends to eliminate/relocate the school crosswalk at the intersection of Indianapolis Avenue and Cohasset Lane to the signalized intersection of Indianapolis Avenue and Titan Lane. State law requires a Public Meeting be held to allow citizens to voice their opinion. The Public Works Commission is the hearing body for such a meeting.

One letter of opposition was received and is included in the packet. One speaker at tonight's meeting is in opposition to the elimination/relocation. In response to a statement by the speaker, Mr. Shipley, there is approximately a five-foot elevation of road surface over the flood control channel. Mr. Stachelski is confident the traffic signal will be visible to traffic with adequate time to stop for a red light. The currently location does not have a traffic signal but depends on a crosswalk with a part-time crossing guard aided with a stop sign paddle to stop traffic. Additional signage for eastbound traffic will alert traffic of a traffic signal. School signs will alert westbound traffic. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Mason to support the staff recommendation to eliminate/relocate the school crosswalk at the intersection of Indianapolis Avenue and Cohasset Lane to the signalized intersection of Indianapolis Avenue and Titan Lane.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Harlow)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-3. Heil Avenue Widening, CC-1230 – Todd Broussard presented the item. The project will construct the street improvements necessary to widen the north side of Heil Avenue between Silver Lane and Beach Boulevard to its full 80-foot secondary arterial street width. The widened street section will provide one additional through-lane in each direction.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Kirkorn to recommend to the City Council the Heil Avenue Widening, CC-1230 project.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Harlow)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Kimberly Gerwatosky expressing her concern over the proposal to remove the current crosswalk at the corner of Indianapolis Avenue and Cohasset Lane was included in the Commissioners packet, item G-2.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Kirkorn reported he called the Graffiti Hotline to report a shopping cart that had been left on the street and he was referred to Code Enforcement. He then learned Code Enforcement sends out a Police Department unit to the location to verify the cart is at that location and then the Police Department contacts the store to pick up the cart. If the store does not pick up the cart then the Police Department retrieves the cart. Commissioner Kirkorn stated he didn't feel the procedure was proper. Mr. Hopkins responded, previously a service paid for by the shopping centers would retrieve carts but he believes that system was discontinued by the shopping centers. He will verify the process.

Commissioner Mason asked about the weed control process and how it was being handled this year. Jason Churchill responded the city does have one full-time employee doing weed control on arterials.

Commissioner Siersema inquired if any meeting dates had been scheduled for the Circulation Element. Travis Hopkins responded to date no meeting dates and times have been scheduled. Bob Stachelski commented he hoped to have the schedule set soon. He is waiting on response from other departments involved before scheduling meetings.

Chair Rivera asked the Commission their feelings on having a tour of Public Works projects at the June meeting. The Commissioners agreed the CIP presentations are very informative and they do not feel a tour is necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Commission adjourned to the meeting date of Wednesday, June 18, 2008, 5:00 p.m., City Council Chambers. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

George Rivera
Chair



Joyce A. Greene
Administrative Assistant